

LIVESTOCK HIGHLIGHTS

The total value of the four major species of livestock and poultry on Indiana farms January 1, 2004 (December 1, 2003 for swine and chickens) amounted to \$950.9 million, up 6 percent from a year earlier.

CATTLE inventory numbers, at 830,000, dropped 3 percent from January 1, 2003 and value per head, at \$830 was \$110 above the previous year. Total cattle inventory value, at \$688.9 million, increased 11 percent from the \$619.2 million last year. Cows and heifers that have calved totaled 370,000 head, down 1 percent from a year earlier. Of this total, 227,000 were beef cows, and 143,000 were milk cows, both were down 1 percent from the previous year.

HOG AND PIG numbers (December 1, 2003), at 3.10 million, were down 5 percent from a year earlier. The average value per head decreased from \$74.00 in 2002 to \$69.00 in 2003. This lowered the total inventory value to \$213.9 million, 11 percent below a

year ago. Indiana remained in fifth place in the nation for the number of hogs on hand December 1, 2003

Indiana **SHEEP** producers had 10 percent fewer sheep and lambs on hand January 1, 2004 than a year earlier. Breeding sheep totaled 40,000 head. Average value per head at \$171.00, was up \$5.00 from 2003. Total inventory value at \$7.7 million was 7 percent below the previous year.

Total **CHICKEN** inventory, excluding broilers, on December 1, 2003, at 28.9 million birds, was down 1 percent from last year. With this inventory, Indiana ranked fifth in the nation for total chickens, excluding broilers, and moved up to third position for hens and pullets of laying age (23.6 million). The total value of the chicken inventory was \$40.4 million, up 26 percent from 2002. The value per bird increased \$0.30 from the previous year to \$1.40.

LIVESTOCK INVENTORY NUMBERS, INDIANA RECORD HIGHS AND LOWS

Species	Record High		Record Low		Year Series Began
	Number of Head	Year	Number of Head	Year	
All Cattle and Calves	2,225,000	1976	830,000	2004	186
Milk Cows and Heifers that have Calved ^{1/}	848,000	1945	135,000	1998	186
Beef Cows and Heifers that have Calved ^{1/}	618,000	1976	83,000	1925	192
All Hogs	5,393,000	1962	2,475,000	1893	186
Hog Breeding Herd	721,000	1963	300,000	2003	196
All Sheep and Lambs	985,000	1938	45,000	2004	192
All Chickens Excluding Commercial Broilers	29,607,000	1999	13,963,000	1961	192
Turkeys Raised	15,400,000	1992	143,000	1929	192 9
^{1/} Prior to January 1, 1970, definition was milk cows and beef cows 2 years old and over.					